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#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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# Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program June 10, 2010

Reviewed:

Mine Name: New-6	Permit Number: S/027/0111
Operator Name: Alan Newman	Inspection Date: 05/13/2010
Inspector(s): Brett Gregory for John Rogers	Time: 1:00 pm
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Abandoned

	<b>Elements of Inspection</b>		Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds		$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	
2.	Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, hi	ghwalls)			
3.	Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control				
4.	Deleterious Material		$\boxtimes$		
5.	Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust contr	ol, safety)			
6.	Concurrent Reclamation	•	$\boxtimes$		
7.	Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads,	highwalls,	$\square$	$\square$	
	shafts, drill holes)		$\bowtie$	$\boxtimes$	
8.	Water Impoundments				
9.	Soils				
10.	Revegetation				
11.	Air Quality				
12.	Other		$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	

Permit fee: delinquent Bond Amount: \$12,000

# **Purpose of Inspection:**

On April 13, 2010 the Division received a discharge of debtor notice from the United States Bankruptcy Court. Due to this information, it seemed prudent to review the bond and evaluate the site for reclamation.

# **Inspection Summary**:

There are two distinct mining pits inside  $3^{1}/_{3}$  acres of disturbance at the base of the Conger Range in Millard County. The northern pit easily accounts for 70 percent of the total disturbance and should effectively be reclaimed. The southern pit (along with a considerable stockpile of gravel) constitutes the remaining 30 percent of the disturbance. The access road appears to be preexisting.

## Inspection comments:

- 1) The annual permit fees for 2007 and 2009 are delinquent. The current surety has been determined insufficient for the amount of acres disturbed. By Division estimates, a surety increase from \$12,000 to \$20,600 is necessary for full reclamation and cleanup of the site.
- The removal of the following items are pertinent for the reclamation of the site: all processing equipment, wooden pallets, electric motors, batteries, semi-trailer, trailer mounted air compressor, stripped pickup-truck, scrap iron, and trash.



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- 6) The GPS data indicates the mining footprint is larger than the approved 3 acres in the permit.
- 7) The graded stockpiles of material should be buried or otherwise removed from the site if no further mining is to be done.
- 12) Photographs and a GPS map are enclosed in this report.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The operator must do the following to retain an active mining permit: (1) pay past due annual permit fees, (2) post the recommended additional surety of \$8,600 dollars, (3) dispose of any trash and dilapidated equipment, (4) partially reclaim or amend the Notice of Intension (NOI) to reflect 4 acres of disturbance, and (5) comply with any directives the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may have to reclaim the site.

Inspector's Signature

BG; jr, pbb, vs.

cc: Alan Newman, Operator. <u>Jerry Mansfield@blm.gov</u>

Enclosure: GPS map

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Fuel tank on skids. (Salvage value unknown?)



Motors and batteries that need to be salvaged or disposed of properly.

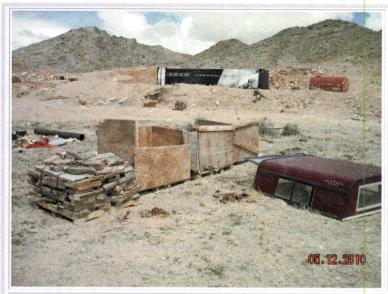


Broken pallets and trash to be cleaned up.



Semi-trailer in disrepair. (Possible salvage value uncertain?)

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Various cleanup items. (The trailer and fuel tank could potentially be salvaged to recoup reclamation costs.)



Stripped truck and minor garbage that needs to be disposed of.



Auxiliary booster or compressor. (Equipment potentially salvageable?)



Skid mounted engine with air tank. (Equipment potentially salvageable?)

